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SUBJECT: REPORT OF TWO TRANSPORTATION DISASTERS

1. EMBASSY WAS TOLD JANUARY 28 BY WELL-INFORMED JEWISH DISIDENT SOURCES OF TWO RECENT TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS.

2. FIRST OF THESE ACCIDENTS, WHICH WAS REPORTED BY WESTERN WIRE SERVICES, WAS THE CRASH AT VNUKOVO AIRPOT ON JANUARY 3 OF A TU-134. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE PLANE, LANDING AFTER A DOMESTIC FLIGHT, CRASHED ON ITS FINAL APPROACH. ALL OF THE 86 ABOARD WERE KILLED. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES DID NOT CONFIRM THE DEATHS OF THOSE ABOARD TO THEIR RELATIVES UNTIL JANUARY 8. THE PLANE CRASHED INTO AN APARTMENT HOUSE NOT FAR FROM THE AIRPORT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, NONE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE KILLED. (REPORTEDLY, MOST WERE AWAY CELEBRATING.) OUR SOURCES PROMISED TO TRY TO FIND OUT THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE FLIGHT IN QUESTION.

3. IN A SECOND TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT WE WERE TOLD THAT THE BAKU-MOSCOW EXPRESS WAS DERAILED AND CAUGHT FIRE NOT FAR FROM TULA ONE NIGHT IN DECEMBER. WE ARE TOLD THAT WORD OF THIS ACCIDENT, IN WHICH EIGHT PASSENGER CARS BURNED UP, HAS NOT GENERALLY GOTTEN OUT. OUR SOURCES KNOW OF IT ONLY BECAUSE SEVERAL JEWS FROM DERBENT (A TOWN ON THE CASPIAN SEA) WHO WERE COMING TO MOSCOW TO VISIT OUR SOURCES WERE KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT.

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